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SUBJECT: IRVING BROWN INTERVIEW PUBLICIZED IN ITALY

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1. IRVING BROWN INTERVIEW IN FEBRUARY ISSUE FRENCH MAGAZINE "INTERSOCIAL" SURFACED IN LATEST ISSUE "LETTERA FINANZIARIA" WHICH IS A SPECIALIZED SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLICATION OF LEFT-LEANING ITALIAN WEEKLY "ESPRESSO." NUMBER OF ITALIAN DAILIES GAVE INTERVIEW SOMEWHAT SENSATIONALIZED TREATMENT ON MARCH 7.

2. FRONT PAGE HEADLINED FEATURE IN LEFT-WING ROME DAILY "MESSAGGERO" SAYS "USA WOULD FAVOR A LABOR UNION SPLIT IN ITALY." "MESSAGGERO" ARTICLE AND OTHERS IN PCI PAPER, "L'UNITA," LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND CENTER-LEFT "IL GIORNO" REFER TO BROWN ASSERTION THAT 25

BILLION DOLLAR OECD SOLIDARITY FUND, PROPOSED BY SECRETARY KSSINGER, COULD CONSTITUTE "A NEW MARSHAL PLAN WHICH FREE UNIONS WOULD BE ASSOCIATED." "IL TEMPO", WHICH SUPPORTS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, CITES BROWN'S INTEREST IN CISL MINORITY GROUP.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE SURPRISED ONLY AT TIME IT HAS TAKEN FOR INTERVIEW IN FEBRUARY ISSUE "INTERSOCIAL" TO GAIN POLITICAL CIRCULATION IN ITALY. WE WILL BE ALERT TO ANY FURTHER RELATIONS AS WELL AS LABOR UNITY MANEUVERING AND WILL REPORT AS THEY DEVELOP. VOLPE

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